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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. RFE/RL TRANSMITTERS: PORTUGUESE MEDIA GAVE MODERATELY  
HEAVY PLAY TO REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR NEW  
RFE/RL AND VOA TRANSMITTERS. SAMPLE HEADLINE: MARCH 24  
PRO-SOCIALIST "A LUTA" -- "U.S. TO STEP UP RADIO  
TRANSMISSIONS FOR THE EAST; ONE TRANSMITTER STATION  
LOCATED IN PORTUGAL." NO COMMENTARIES TODAY.

2. CARTER AT NATO: STRAIGHTFOWARD NEWS REPORTS OF  
CARTER PLANS TO GO TO LONDON WERE CARRIED IN MARCH 25 PRESS.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS: PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT GIVEN  
MARCH 25 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF A MOTION CENSURING  
THE "REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF JAN PATOCKA.

COMMENTARY BY RIBEIRO E CASTRO IN MARCH 25 CENTER-RIGHT  
"O DIA" SAID "POSITIVE ATTITUDE BY U.S. CERTAINLY HAD  
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PROFOUND INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS, ESPECIALLY IN LATIN  
AMERICA, WHERE U.S. INFLUENCE IS WELL-KNOWN. IT WOULD  
BE EQUALLY POSITIVE IF THE SOVIET UNION ... WERE TO STUDY  
A SIMILAR DOCUMENT REGARDING COUNTRIES IT INFLUENCES.  
UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT  
THIS COULD OCCUR. ... WHILE THE U.S. REACHED THE  
CONCLUSION THAT SOME COUNTRIES IT ASSISTS FAIL TO RESPECT

HUMAN RIGHTS, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD HAVE TO CONCLUDE THAT NONE OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH IT AIDS HAS HUMAN-RIGHTS (GUARANTEES). COMMUNIST PRESS CONTINUED TO ATTACH U.S. HUMAN-RIGHTS CREDIBILITY IN MARCH 25 "O DIARIO" ARTICLE CRITICIZING U.S.-SOUTH KOREA RELATIONSHIP. HEADLINE IS 'HUMAN RIGHTS' IN CARTER-LAND: THE SINISTER 'BUSINESS DEALS' WITH SOUTH KOREA."

3. PORTUGUESE EMIGRATION TO U.S.: MEDIA HAS COVERED STATEMENTS BY GOP SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EMIGRATION WHO SAID IN RECENT U.S. VISIT HE INFORMALLY REQUESTED INCREASED U.S. IMMIGRATION QUOTA FOR PORTUGAL. MARCH 25 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" QUOTES MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR BROOKE AS SAYING HE HAD DOUBTS ABOUT SUPPORTING LARGER IMMIGRATION QUOTA, GIVEN DEGREE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS. HEADLINE IN MARCH 25 "O DIA": "U.S. RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT GROWTH IN PORTUGUESE IMMIGRATION".

4. INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL: MARCH 24 LEFTIST "DIARIO POPULAR" PUBLISHED INSIDE-PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED, "WALL STREET ADVISES AGAINST INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL." FOUR-PARAGRAPH ARTICLE, BASED ON FRANCE PRESSE, SAID WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT ON F.T. HANNER'S SCALE OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES CITED. PORTUGAL, PERU AND INDIA AS COUNTRIES WHERE INVESTMENT WOULD BE INADVIABLE BECAUSE OF "THE WEIGHT OF BUREAUCRATIC MACHINERY."  
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